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NOT REALLY WISE.

Sages are not really wise. Till they read in Folly's eyes. Wisdom that escapes the schools. Lore that puts to rout all rules. Tell me, sages, what love is! Silent!—Oh, what fool would miss. Kiss or laughter, glance or sigh. Waiting for your slow reply? Sages, tell me, what is life? Mumble you of "joy" and "strife"? While you definitions give. Fools like me rejoice to live! While you labor, dig and seek. Dull of eye and gray of cheek— While you study, delve, explain. Define, examine, think, refrain. Search to find the meaning of Life and Death and Joy and Love— Laws discover, reasons frame— You forget to play the game! Sages are not really wise, Lacking wisdom to revise. All they teach and learn in schools. By the laughter of us fools! —Don Marquis.

GOOD NEWS FOR UMATILLA.

There is joyous news for Umatilla county in the announcement from Washington that the federal government will establish an experiment station upon the Umatilla project and will pay half the cost of maintaining the same.

Through the influence of President W. J. Kerr of the agricultural college, the department of the interior has been induced to take vigorous action in the matter. This is evidenced by the announcement that Secretary Garfield has set aside enough money to construct the needed buildings and equip the station.

Seemingly all that now remains for local people to do is to secure from the state sufficient money to meet the other half of the maintenance cost. It should be an easy matter to do this, especially in view of the strong delegation this county has in the legislature. Nevertheless, nothing should be left undone in the matter. The people of the west end should get together and see that the necessary appropriation is made by the state. It is a matter of vital importance to the west end and the subject should be handled accordingly.

Through the establishment of an experimental farm upon the project untold good will result to the settlers in that section. In the settlement of the west end there are many problems to be worked out. The success of the project will depend largely upon the methods followed by the settlers. If properly conducted, as it doubtless will be, the station will be able to give advice that will be worth thousands of dollars to settlers in that arid empire.

Of almost equal importance to this county will be the establishment of a dry land experimental station in one of the counties west of Umatilla. Through the work of President Kerr the department has agreed to give the same aid to a dry land station that it will to the one upon the Umatilla project.

Though it would be preferable to have the dry land station in this county, yet it will be of much benefit to Umatilla county farmers even though located in Morrow, Sherman or Gilliam. The climatic conditions there are much the same as in this county. The work done will apply here as well as there.

All in all, the news from Washington is the best Umatilla county has received for many months and President Kerr is entitled to high praise for the good he has accomplished.

A DISCREDITABLE ATTACK.

Now it is said that a lull has been ordered in the anti-statement fight and that for a month the organs of pledge-breaking will say little or

nothing upon the subject. The recent attitude of some of those papers indicates that instructions are being followed closely.

It would have been to the credit of Oregon had the attack never been undertaken. The attempt to defeat Governor Chamberlain for the senatorship is one which, whether it succeeded or not, meant discredit to this state and to the people thereof.

When the people of the state endorsed Chamberlain last spring and also chose a statement 1 legislature, that should have settled the senatorship completely. It did settle it with the rank and file of the people.

Seemingly the attempt to break in to the statement 1 phalanx has failed and failed miserably. It deserves to fail. In the first place it was not a move in behalf of the republican party as has been claimed. It was inspired by people who dislike the direct primary system and by people who hope to profit personally in the event of Chamberlain's defeat.

The heart of the republican party of Oregon has not been in the fight. The average republican is against the move. Some of the biggest republicans in the state have denounced the scheme in unmeasured terms. Even in the executive committee of the Union Republican club of Portland there was strong opposition to the move. The president of the club and its most influential members were opposed to going into the fight. Outside workers were responsible for the resolution that was finally passed.

So far the attack upon statement No. 1 and the honesty of the legislators-elect has been a fizzle. May it continue to be such.

RESERVATION ROADS.

By taking up the subject of better highways for the reservation the good roads association is entering a field where there is much to be accomplished.

At the present time the roads upon the reservation are not what they should be. Though the reservation embraces the best land in the county the roads are practically left to take care of themselves. So badly cut up do they become at times that comfortable travel across the reservation is out of the question. The grades are poor, the bridges bad and often unsafe.

Then upon top of all this, there is no official highway across the reservation. Stockmen wishing to cross the Indian land must pay toll and have their herds or flocks guarded by a band of Indian police.

This is not right in any sense of the word. If the Indians are to be citizens they should share in the work of civilization as well as in the gain. The roads upon the reservation should be laid out along model lines and maintained as well as any in the county.

And there is no reason on earth why stockmen should be charged for crossing the reservation. They should be forced to observe proper care in crossing and if damage is inflicted by the herds or bands the injured parties should be fully recompensed. But toll should not be charged.

In the past the government people have indicated that highways might be opened across the reservation. But thus far nothing has been done, possibly because the subject has not been brought before them. Now that the good roads officers are taking the matter up let it be hoped that some tangible good will result. The East Oregonian hopes that the result will be better roads and free open highways across the reservation.

Senator Fulton has announced in Washington that the legislators will break their statement 1 pledges and refuse to elect Governor Chamberlain senator. But where is his commission as the spokesman for the Oregon legislature or for the people of this state?

President Kerr is somewhat of a congressman himself. At least he has gotten results in the matter of the experiment stations and it did not take him long either.

Don't forget the woolen mill and the Commercial association revival. These two things Pendleton needs badly. Help them along.

NOT VERY USEFUL.

A man who stuttered badly went to a specialist and after ten difficult lessons learned to say quite distinctly, "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers." His friends congratulated him upon this splendid achievement. "Yes," said the man doubtfully, "but it's s-s-such a d-d-d-ducely d-d-d-difficult rem-rem-rem-rem to w-w-work in to an ordi-n-n-ary c-c-conversation, y'know."—Everybody's Magazine.

Harry Fields, who was arrested at the international boundary for obtaining \$1000 worth of diamonds in Vancouver, B. C., on bogus checks, has pleaded guilty to nine charges of fraud.

THE CONQUEROR.

Baby, baby, where have you been? "I fell down uh mud." "You've dirtied your dress and scratched your skin!" "I fell down uh mud." "What on earth is mother to do With a bad little, sad little boy like you. Who doesn't do what she tells him too?" "I fell down uh mud."

"Didn't you hear me call you back?" "I fell down uh mud." "Yes, and you crossed the street car track!" "I fell down uh mud."

"Suppose you had been hurt awfully bad. Poor mamma would cry so if you had; Do you want poor mamma to feel so sad?" "I fell down uh mud."

"Supposing a horsey had come that way?" "I fell down uh mud." "Or a choo-choo auto had—listen! say!" "I fell down uh mud."

"Gracious heavens, he'll drive me wild. Was there ever such a persistent child? Oh, mamma's not pleased because she smiled!" "I fell down uh mud."

"Haven't I—didn't you—listen, dear?" "I fell down uh mud." "Don't you say that again! You hear?" "I fell down uh mud."

"Can't I leave you without a guard? Didn't I say to stay in the yard? I've a notion to spank you—spank you hard!" "Ow wown wown uh wud!"

"There, there, sweetheart; that didn't hurt."

"I—FELL—DOWN—UH—MUD!"

"Come to mamma; who cares for dirt?"

"I—fell—down—uh—mud."

"Mamma will cuddle him; stand on her knees;

Put your arms 'round her and give her a squeeze;

Tell her you love her. Now, whisper it; please!"

"—uh mud."

—Edmund Vance Cook.

EASY TO DRIFT.

Easy to drift to the open sea, The tides are eager and swift and strong. And whistling and free are the rushing winds— But, oh, to get back is hard and long.

Easy as told in Arabian tale, To free from his jar the evil sprite, Till he rises like smoke to stupendous size— But, oh, nevermore, can we prison him tight.

Easy as told in an English tale, To fashion a Frankenstein body and soul, And breathe in his bosom a breath of life— But, oh, we create what we cannot control.

Easy to drift to the sea of doubt, Easy to hurt what we cannot heal, Easy to rouse what we cannot soothe, Easy to speak what we do not feel, Easy to show what we ought to conceal.

Easy to think that fancy is fate, And, oh, the wisdom that comes too late! —Oliver Huckle.

A BAD WORD.

At a London dinner recently the conversation turned to the various methods employed by literary geniuses. Among the examples cited was that of a well-known poet, who, it was said, was wont to arouse his wife about 4 o'clock in the morning and exclaim, "Maria, get up; I've thought of a good word!" Whereupon the poet's obedient helpmate would crawl out of bed and make a note of the thought-of-word.

About an hour later, like as not, a new inspiration would seize the bard, whereupon he would again arouse his wife, saying, "Maria, Maria, get up! I've thought of a better word!"

The company in general listened to the story with admiration, but a merry-eyed American girl remarked: "Well, if he'd been my husband I should have replied, 'Alpheus, get up yourself; I've thought of a bad word!'" —Everybody's Magazine.

Governor Mead of Washington has honored the requisition of the Oregon authorities for R. L. Lefel, under arrest at Seattle and wanted at Portland for larceny.

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